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Reports from cold storage warehouses and meat packing plants of the War Food Administration as of December 1, indicate that stocks of frozen fruits, creamery butter, cheese, shell eggs, frozen eggs, and lard were substantially reduced during November. On the other hand, stocks of fresh apples, frozen vegetables, frozen poultry, beef, pork, lamb and mutton, and miscellaneous meats showed significant increases.

Stocks of frozen poultry increased at a much heavier than average rate. The same is true for frozen vegetables, frozen and cured beef, frozen lamb and mutton and frozen and cured trimmings. Stocks of cheese, frozen eggs and lard and pork fat were reduced at a heavier-than-average rate.

Holdings of all commodities on December 1, 1943 with the exception of fresh apples and pears were substantially heavier than those of a year earlier and the 5-year (1938-1942) average.

Cooler occupancy was 73 percent compared with 77 percent a month earlier and freezer occupancy 89 percent compared with 89. Conversions of warehouse space from cooler to freezer temperatures since 1941 undoubtedly account for the fact that the percentage occupancy of freezers shows no increase from a month earlier despite an actual increase of about 52 million pounds in all freezer items.

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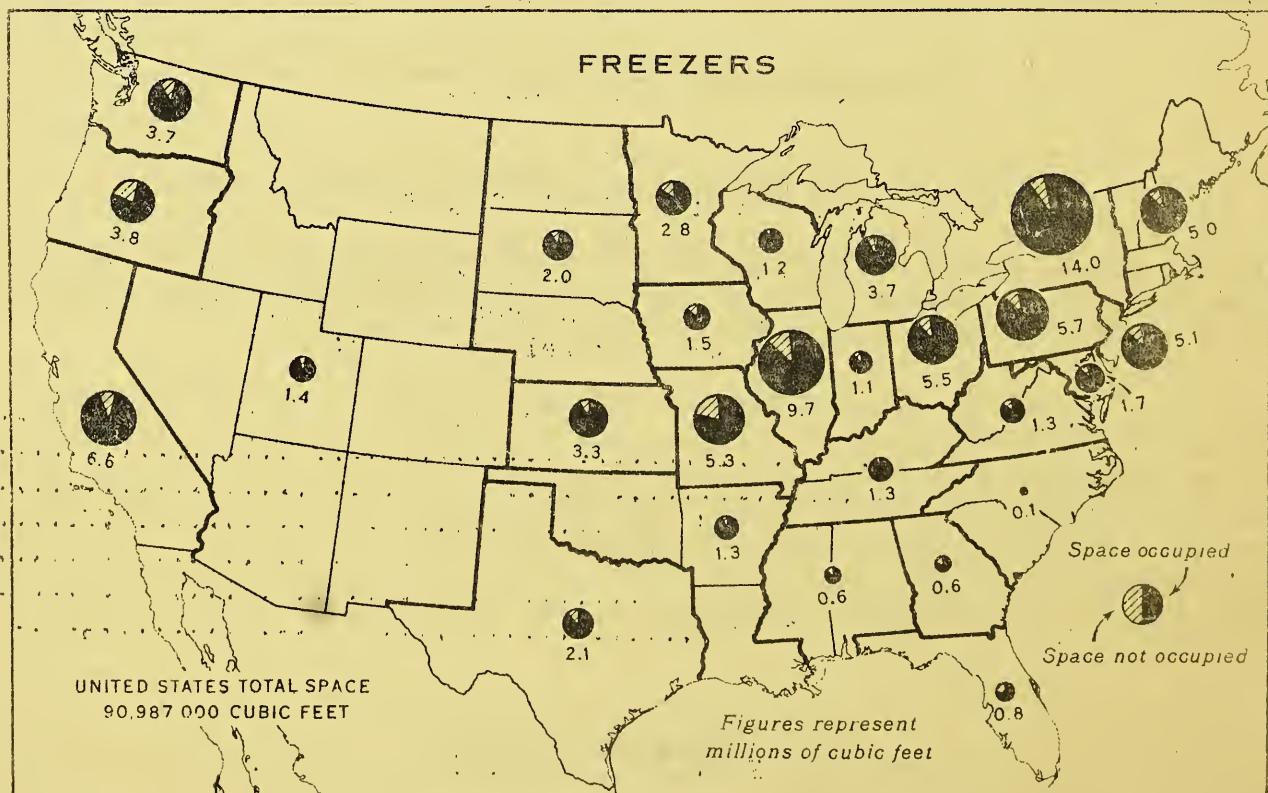
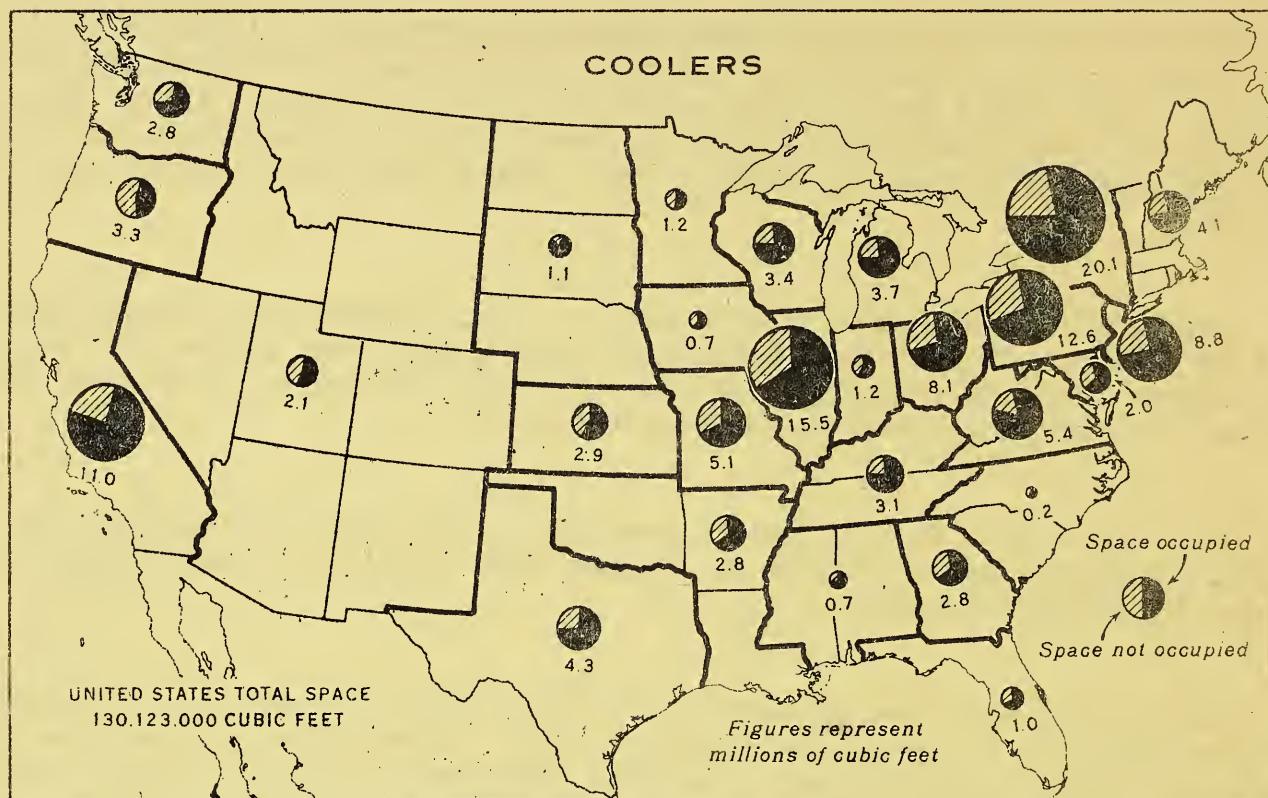
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NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED IN
COOLERS AND FREEZERS IN PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES,
OTHER THAN APPLE HOUSES, ON DECEMBER 1, 1943



**NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED IN COOLERS
AND FREEZERS IN PUBLIC COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES OTHER THAN
APPLE HOUSES, ON NOVEMBER 1, AND DECEMBER 1, 1942 AND 1943**

State or Geographic Division	Net Piling Space 1/		Percentage of Space Occupied 2/							
	Cooler Thousand Cubic Feet	Freezer Percent	Nov. 1, 1942		Dec. 1, 1942		Nov. 1, 1943		Dec. 1, 1943	
			Cooler Percent	Freezer Percent	Cooler Percent	Freezer Percent	Cooler Percent	Freezer Percent	Cooler Percent	Freezer Percent
NEW ENGLAND.....	4,095	5,003	77	88	69	89	77	92	74	91
New York.....	20,142	13,970	74	78	69	77	82	92	79	94
New Jersey.....	8,813	5,100	83	74	79	78	82	89	76	90
Pennsylvania.....	12,601	5,665	77	83	73	83	80	89	73	91
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	41,556	24,735	77	78	72	78	82	91	77	92
Ohio.....	8,054	5,532	80	87	74	85	82	92	73	92
Indiana.....	1,207	1,085	70	60	67	68	75	93	63	91
Illinois.....	15,513	9,696	70	83	52	77	75	90	67	89
Michigan.....	3,692	3,696	88	86	78	82	78	94	77	95
Wisconsin.....	3,406	1,210	80	77	69	65	85	95	77	95
EAST NORTH CENTRAL...	31,872	21,215	76	83	64	78	79	92	71	91
Minnesota.....	1,205	2,755	64	75	48	75	68	87	54	86
Iowa.....	667	1,533	57	56	52	57	73	83	59	88
Missouri.....	5,137	5,262	76	69	63	64	74	78	69	80
No. & So. Dak. & Nebr...	1,113	1,984	46	74	46	88	94	94	88	91
Kansas.....	2,871	3,264	71	91	55	71	79	75	59	92
WEST NORTH CENTRAL...	10,993	14,798	69	75	57	71	75	82	65	85
Del., Md. & D. C.....	2,043	1,663	65	85	65	85	72	92	67	91
Virginia & W. Virginia..	5,441	1,297	94	86	95	85	71	92	82	88
No. & So. Carolina.....	248	93	74	96	60	85	68	95	63	95
Georgia.....	2,761	647	61	66	61	59	67	70	68	83
Florida.....	1,000	757	80	77	67	79	79	82	71	82
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	11,493	4,457	83	81	78	81	71	87	75	88
Kentucky & Tennessee....	3,072	1,272	69	94	64	73	61	96	77	97
Alabama & Mississippi...	748	625	77	78	81	82	76	91	73	91
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL...	3,820	1,897	71	86	68	77	77	94	76	94
Ark., La. & Okla.....	2,818	1,266	55	81	52	77	75	96	56	94
Texas.....	4,333	2,025	61	68	58	66	75	85	75	89
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL...	7,151	3,361	59	73	56	70	75	90	72	91
MOUNTAIN.....	2,059	1,445	61	75	55	82	57	93	54	93
Washington.....	2,847	3,702	61	77	50	76	76	88	70	87
Oregon.....	2,275	3,753	84	68	54	53	48	84	46	78
California.....	10,962	6,617	66	82	65	74	74	87	77	91
PACIFIC.....	17,084	14,072	68	78	61	70	71	86	71	85
UNITED STATES.....	130,123	90,927	4/74	4/79	4/66	4/76	4/77	4/89	4/73	4/89

1/ Reported to the Department of Agriculture as of June 16, 1941.

2/ Percentages for the periods covered here were made as comparable as possible.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic divisions using the corresponding net piling space as weights.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Cold storage holdings of apples on December 1, 1943 totaled 25,095,000 bushels. This quantity is 10.7 million bushels less than the December 1943 holdings and 7.4 million less than the December 1, (1938-42) 5-year average.

There were 239.4 million pounds of frozen fruits and 194.4 million pounds of frozen vegetables reported in the warehouses on December 1. Fruit stocks exceeded those of a year earlier by 33 million pounds and the average by 73.9 million. Vegetables were 78.5 million above December 1, 1942 and 105.3 million above average.

(See table on page 8 for December 1, 1943 holdings by geographic divisions).

Commodity	Dec. 1				
	5-yr. av.	Dec. 1	Nov. 1	Dec. 1	
	1938-1942	1942	1943	1943	

- Thousands -

FRUITS, FRESH

Apples,.....barrels.....	168	79	28	23
Apples.....Western boxes.	14,570	14,695	11,393	12,884
Apples.....Eastern boxes.	1/	11,475	8,420	7,253
Apples.....bushel baskets	17,454	9,354	5,131	4,889
Total Apples.....bushels.....	32,528	35,761	25,028	25,095
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes..	37	28	32	31
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes...	31	66	416	29
Pears, all other varieties....boxes.....	1,864	2,070	1,296	942
Pears.....bushel baskets	64	62	101	40
Total Pears.....bushels.....	1,996	2,226	1,845	1,042

FRUITS, FROZEN

Blackberries.....pounds.....	6,682	8,119	12,216	10,904
Blueberries....."	6,048	7,468	13,962	14,092
Cherries....."	27,591	35,990	24,204	22,757
Logan and similar berries...."	4,189	5,160	5,358	4,686
Raspberries....."	13,216	18,340	18,871	17,555
Strawberries....."	43,187	39,361	29,546	26,565
Other fruits....."	32,092	61,226	93,391	101,917
Classification not reported...	32,546	30,732	45,999	40,937
Total....."	165,551	206,396	243,547	239,413

VEGETABLES, FROZEN

Asparagus.....pounds.....	5,883	5,937	5,641	5,804
Beans, lima....."	15,769	15,220	13,199	11,731
Beans, snap....."	6,453	5,906	15,348	15,145
Broccoli, green....."	1,573	860	1,367	1,810
Corn, sweet....."	6,847	6,838	18,299	17,346
Peas, green....."	28,899	35,077	50,834	47,506
Spinach....."	6,035	5,470	9,884	11,491
Other vegetables....."	5,202	8,107	19,674	28,120
Classification not reported...	12,407	32,430	55,997	55,417
Total....."	89,068	115,845	190,243	194,370

1/ Previously included with "bushel baskets".

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(See table on page 8 for December 1, 1943 holdings by geographic divisions)

APPLES: HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE BY STATES

STATE	December 1, 1943					Dec. 1, 1942
	Barrels	Boxes			Total bushels	Total bushels
		Western	Eastern	Baskets		
- Thousands -						
Vermont.....	-	-	148	-	148	155
Massachusetts.....	-	-	1,005	-	1,005	1,345
Connecticut.....	-	-	348	-	348	759
New York.....	-	26	3,363	858	4,247	5,946
New Jersey.....	-	61	357	298	716	1,238
Pennsylvania.....	2	3	408	583	1,000	1,960
Ohio.....	-	8	174	242	424	905
Indiana.....	-	1	2	113	116	220
Illinois.....	-	6	53	542	601	994
Michigan.....	-	97	404	198	699	1,221
Wisconsin.....	-	6	4	65	75	143
Missouri.....	-	14	15	261	290	562
Virginia.....	20	19	614	1,276	1,969	4,242
West Virginia.....	-	2	89	263	354	701
Washington.....	-	10,148	-	-	10,148	11,432
Oregon.....	-	854	-	-	854	613
California.....	-	1,585	-	-	1,585	1,849
Other States.....	1	54	269	190	516	1,476
UNITED STATES.....	23	12,884	7,253	4,889	25,095	35,761

PEARS: HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE BY STATES

STATE	December 1, 1943		December 1, 1942
	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets
			Thousands
New York.....	40	-	64
New Jersey.....	21	-	10
Pennsylvania.....	13	-	5
Illinois.....	28	-	6
Washington.....	198	-	626
Oregon.....	444	-	1,202
California.....	202	-	246
Other States.....	96	-	67
UNITED STATES.....	1,042	-	2,226

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

The out-of-storage movement of creamery butter stocks during November totaled 35.2 million pounds. December 1, 1943 stocks which totaled 176 million pounds were 130.1 million pounds greater than the December 1, 1942 holdings and 72.8 millions above the December 1, 5-year (1938-42) average. Included in the above total are 107.8 million pounds owned by government agencies (DPMA and FDA). Stocks of cheese were reduced by 21.1 million pounds during November. December 1 holdings totaled 202.6 million pounds. This quantity is 48.8 million pounds above December 1, 1942 stocks and 58.5 millions above average. DPMA and FDA holdings included in the overall totaled 96.9 million pounds of natural cheese. The reduction in egg stocks during the month (2,232,000 cases of shell and 69,245,000 pounds of frozen) were the equivalent of 4,078,000 cases. December 1 holdings of 1,762,000 cases and 173,019,000 pounds of frozen exceeded those of a year earlier by 592,000 cases of shell and 46,698,000 pounds of frozen and the 5-year average by 196,000 cases and 70,415,000 pounds respectively.

Frozen poultry stocks were increased during the month by 57.2 million pounds. December 1 holdings totaled 197.4 million pounds, or 4.1 million heavier than those of a year ago and 43.2 millions heavier than the average.

(See table on pages 8 and 9 for December 1, 1943 holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	December 1			
	5-year ave.	December 1	November 1	December 1
	1938-1942	1942	1943	1943
- Thousands -				
CREAM.....	40-qt. cans	187	128	478
BUTTER				435
Creamery, total.....	pounds.....	103,286	45,937	211,229
DPMA holdings.....	".....	23,019		115,385
FDA and FSCC holdings.....	".....	3,932	3,877	33,227
*Other stocks.....	".....	76,335	42,060	62,617
CHEESE				176,045
American, total.....	pounds.....	122,535	134,332	193,396
DPMA holdings.....	".....			56,455
FDA and FSCC holdings.....	".....		22,652	52,116
*Other stocks.....	".....	114,735	111,680	84,825
Swiss including block.....	".....	5,667	4,426	1,703
Brick and Munster.....	".....	758	476	261
Limburger.....	".....	852	647	281
All other varieties.....	".....	14,322	13,925	28,056
TOTAL CHEESE.....	".....	144,134	153,806	223,697
EGGS				202,639
Shell, total.....	cases.....	1,566	1,170	3,994
Frozen, total.....	pounds.....	102,604	126,321	242,264
Frozen 1/.....	equivalent cases.....	2,736	3,369	6,460
TOTAL EGGS 2/.....	cases.....	4,302	4,532	10,454
FROZEN POULTRY				6,376
Broilers.....	pounds.....	11,498	10,562	12,448
Fryers.....	".....	14,305	17,317	15,557
Roasters.....	".....	32,354	45,025	28,497
Fowls.....	".....	32,824	50,527	40,051
Turkeys.....	".....	24,897	26,857	14,557
Ducks.....	".....	8,406	5,949	3,394
Miscellaneous poultry.....	".....	29,921	22,189	17,433
Unclassified poultry.....	".....		14,837	8,293
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY.....	".....	154,205	193,263	140,230

* Includes stocks which may be set aside for future delivery to government agencies, stocks held for Army and Navy and some commercially held on which no specific information is available.

** Includes 137,000 cases held by FSCC.

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 37.5 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 78 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of December 1, 1943, were classified as follows: whites 18 percent; yolks 11 percent and mixed 71 percent.

MEATS AND LARD

Substantial increases were shown in cold storage stocks of all frozen and cured meats during November. The overall increase totaled 100.4 million pounds. Holdings of beef increased by 48.4 million pounds, pork by 34.6 million, lamb and mutton 7.9 millions and trimmings and offal by 9.5 million pounds.

Beef stocks on December 1, 1943 were 183.1 million pounds or 52.6 millions heavier than those of a year ago and 95.8 millions heavier than average. Pork stocks totaled 376.1 million pounds; 84.3 millions above those of a year earlier and 39.6 millions above average.

Lamb and mutton stocks were 31.1 million pounds or 4.6 millions greater than last year and 22.1 millions above average, and trimmings totaled 113.5 million pounds, 40.2 millions heavier than a year earlier and 46.5 millions above average. Lard and rendered pork fat holdings showed a net reduction from November 1 of 23.9 million pounds. There were 133.2 million pounds of these commodities on hand on December 1, 1943. This quantity exceeds that on hand a year earlier by 75.8 million pounds and the average by 7.3 millions.

The Food Distribution Administration holdings included in the above figures total 20,204,000 pounds of cured pork cuts and 53,411,000 pounds of lard and rendered pork fat held in storage outside of processors hands.

Commodity	December 1	5-yr. av.	December 1	November 1	December 1
	1938-1942	1942	1943	1943	1943
- Thousand pounds -					
BEEF					
Frozen.....	73,337	123,470	120,820	169,846	
In cure and cured.....	13,983	7,984	13,874	13,250	
Total Beef.....	87,320	130,454	134,694	183,096	
PORK					
Frozen.....	93,216	85,341	105,050	131,172	
Dry salt in cure and cured.....	49,655	55,464	94,240	1/ 66,571	
Pickled in cure and cured.....	193,615	151,036	142,142	1/178,329	
Total Pork.....	336,486	291,841	341,432	1/376,072	
LAMB AND MUTTON					
Frozen.....	8,936	26,462	23,207	31,074	
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL					
Frozen and cured.....	67,016	73,307	104,010	113,533	
TOTAL MEATS.....	499,758	522,064	605,343	1/703,775	
LARD					
LARD.....	125,965	53,251	126,786	1/116,401	
RENDERED PORK FAT.....	2/	4,183	30,377	1/ 16,831	

1/ Included in the above figures are 20,204,000 pounds of cured pork cuts and 53,411,000 pounds of lard and rendered pork fat held by FDA and FSCC in storage outside of processors hands.

2/ Previously included with lard.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, DECEMBER 1, 1943 BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

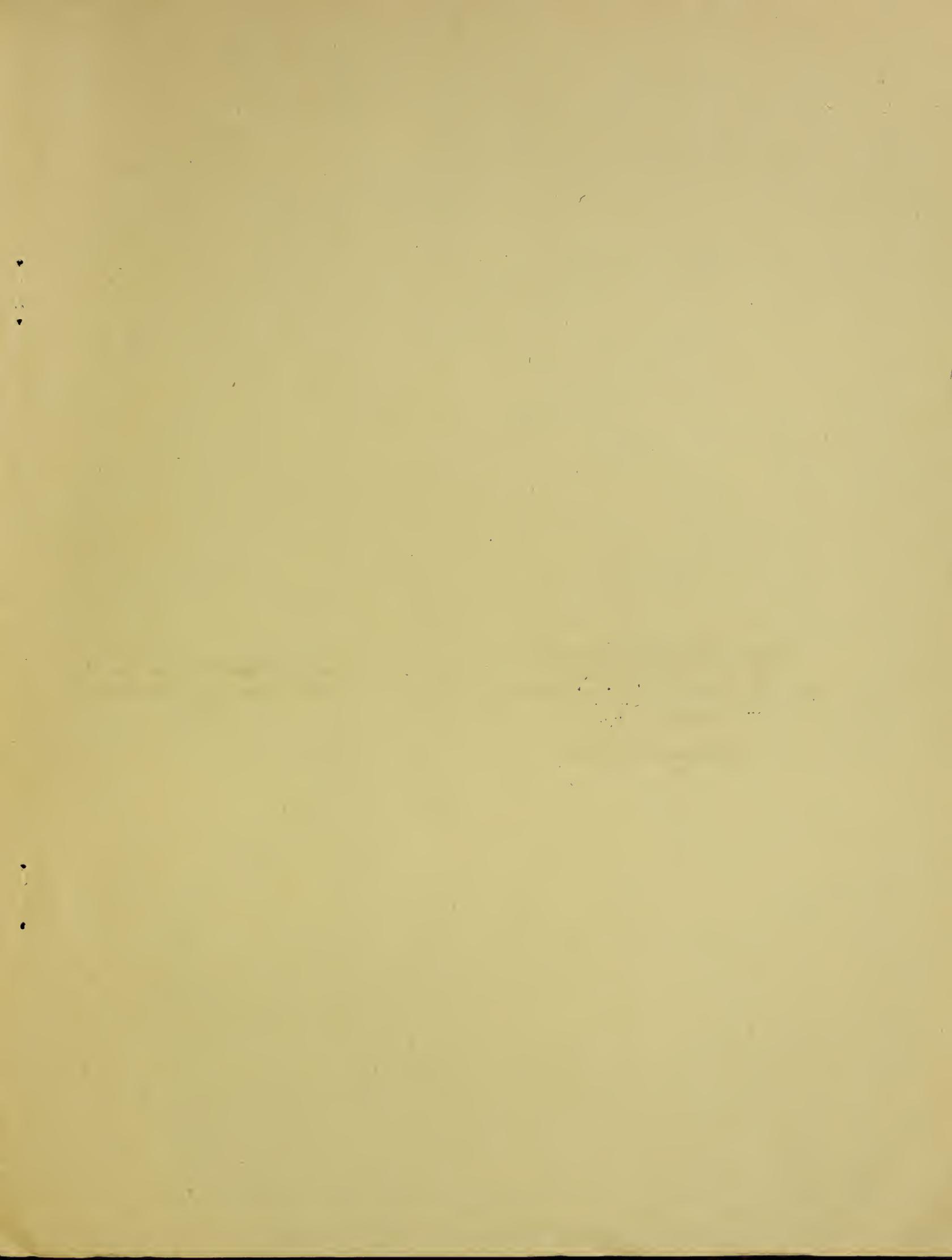
Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total	- Thousands -						
											20	24	7	9	15	12,586	12,884
FRUITS, FRESH															23	12,586	12,884
Apples.....	6	90	4,128	118	29	29	29	24	7	9	-	-	-	-	12,586	12,884	
Apples.....	1,750	1,739	1,160	318	40	1,596	40	17	8	1	-	-	-	-	7,253	7,253	
Apples.....	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,889	4,889	
Pears, Bartletts.....	-	-	5	-	1	11	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	31	31	
Pears, Bartletts.....	-	-	2	-	4	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	29	29	
Pears, all other varieties.....	3	38	75	17	2	5	2	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	813	942	
Pears.....	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	40	
FRUITS, FROZEN															5,181	10,904	
Blackberries.....	88	1,361	1,494	759	773	673	542	542	55	59	73	90	14,092	14,092			
Blueberries.....	1,468	5,666	4,973	1,108	620	545	214	276	1,187	2,357	22,757	22,757	22,757	22,757			
Cherries.....	n	n	248	9,763	7,126	1,041	545	128	87	79	14	2,761	4,586	4,586			
Young, Logan and similar berries.....	n	n	71	115	1,103	328	128	126	126	253	55	4,125	17,555	17,555			
Raspberries.....	n	n	1,751	5,282	4,443	1,321	199	2,035	820	1,481	85	3,488	26,565	26,565			
Strawberries.....	n	n	1,977	7,371	6,585	2,723	3,671	2,279	3,281	5,572	35,648	142,854	142,854				
Other fruits.....	n	n	2,291	48,446	34,811	6,865	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	435	435	
DAIRY PRODUCTS															30	30	
Cream.....	23	260	41	19	49	3	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17,463	17,463	
Butter, creamery.....	4,018	35,607	65,110	44,195	1,054	2,184	3,265	3,265	3,059	3,059	176,045	176,045	176,045	176,045			
Cheese, American.....	5,997	34,377	92,287	18,417	6,491	3,328	3,799	2,123	10	1	10,291	177,110	177,110				
Cheese, Swiss including block.....	-	431	859	56	29	6	10	4	-	-	238	1,630	1,630				
Cheese, brick and Munster.....	-	11	70	11	10	2	4	-	-	-	108	214	214				
Cheese, Limburger.....	-	121	81	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	9	23,577	23,577				
Cheese, all other varieties.....	-	490	7,267	5,600	2,981	128	4,410	390	982	982	1,329	319	319				
Eggs, shell.....	26	284	528	290	32	112	121	50	50	50	1,762	1,762	1,762				
Eggs, frozen.....	4,665	27,038	38,634	67,849	4,598	4,106	14,952	1,840	1,840	1,840	9,237	173,019	173,019				

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, DECEMBER 1, 1945 BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT'D)

Common city	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North	West North	South Central	South Atlantic	East Central	West Central	South Central	Mountain Central	Pacific	Total	
- Thousands -													
MEAT MFG'RY													
Broilers.....		1,082	2,986	4,413	4,149	269	81	33	234	385	13,632		
".....		539	3,583	7,137	7,001	457	267	95	62	790	19,932		
Fryers.....		4,025	12,608	32,092	8,806	196	51	131	143	809	38,855		
Roasters.....		3,272	15,252	21,027	16,170	1,532	474	827	324	1,884	60,762		
Fowls.....		922	4,222	5,853	6,448	622	603	1,365	1,099	3,151	24,325		
Turkeys.....		171	2,369	423	156	57	2	4	1	12	3,195		
Ducks.....		1,175	6,455	9,986	3,878	439	1,282	422	4	547	24,188		
Miscellaneous poultry.....		224	1,845	1,669	4,794	450	459	773	630	1,649	12,493		
Unclassified poultry.....													
MEATS AND LARD													
Beef, frozen.....		8,281	33,346	45,063	28,229	8,794	3,505	12,034	3,985	15,904	169,846		
Beef, in cure and cured.....		124	1,231	4,860	5,662	225	169	658	48	273	13,250		
Pork, frozen.....		3,654	20,839	36,846	46,895	4,226	3,605	5,591	1,992	7,524	131,172		
Pork, dry salt in cure and cured.....		1,530	2,586	31,697	24,692	2,588	436	1,775	509	758	66,571		
Pork, pickled in cure and cured.....		5,128	9,856	57,372	72,971	5,282	2,447	8,423	4,626	5,244	178,329		
Lamb and mutton, frozen.....		2,524	8,464	10,140	5,562	746	77	2,230	496	835	31,074		
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal.....		5,556	21,122	33,935	33,771	9,735	1,752	2,865	1,586	3,211	113,593		
Lard.....		7,154	35,187	37,173	22,376	3,151	1,732	2,834	1,744	5,095	116,401		
Fried pork fat.....		451	188	9,824	4,779	224	22	350	69	924	16,831		

DAIRY AND POULTRY HOLDINGS BY STATES

STATE	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter lbs...	American Cheese lbs.	Shell Eggs, cases	Frozen Eggs lbs.	Total Poultry lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....	20	3,545	3,969	20	3,309	10,097
Other States.....		473	2,028	6	1,356	1,313
NEW ENGLAND.....		4,018	5,997	26	4,665	11,410
New York.....	181	13,439	20,341	118	10,750	28,901
New Jersey.....	55	13,564	4,006	104	6,537	14,113
Pennsylvania.....	25	8,694	10,030	62	9,751	6,306
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....		35,697	34,377	284	27,038	49,320
Ohio.....	11	8,663	6,344	69	6,201	8,493
Indiana.....		2,424	565	21	2,765	1,611
Illinois.....	10	44,196	13,009	345	22,962	43,675
Michigan.....	10	6,137	4,382	47	4,421	5,582
Wisconsin.....	10	3,690	67,987	46	2,285	3,239
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....		65,110	92,287	528	38,634	62,600
Minnesota.....	9	13,284	2,820	27	12,049	6,093
Iowa.....	2	4,907	7	26	11,277	6,915
Missouri.....	8	12,083	12,066	101	26,680	15,049
Nebraska.....		6,660	71	53	9,704	17,964
Kansas.....		6,449	3,453	83	7,629	5,277
Dakotas.....		812	-	-	510	98
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....		44,195	18,417	290	67,849	51,396
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....		1,054	6,491	32	4,598	4,022
Kentucky.....		373	816	18	1,305	1,018
Tennessee.....		1,478	1,900	85	2,653	1,740
Alabama & Mississippi.....		333	612	9	148	461
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		2,184	3,328	112	4,106	3,219
Oklahoma.....		1,204	1,156	16	2,636	370
Texas.....	7	1,206	2,484	99	11,000	2,238
Arkansas & Louisiana.....		855	159	6	1,316	1,042
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		3,265	3,799	121	14,952	3,650
Colorado.....		1,047	360	26	665	1,077
Other States.....		2,012	1,763	24	1,175	1,421
MOUNTAIN.....		3,059	2,123	50	1,840	2,498
Washington.....		3,520	584	85	2,073	2,506
Oregon.....		2,118	2,606	27	607	1,463
California.....	30	11,825	7,101	207	6,657	5,298
PACIFIC.....		17,463	10,291	319	9,337	9,267
Other States..... (Combined for cream only).....		57				
UNITED STATES.....	435	176,045	177,110	1,762	173,019	197,382



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